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Police Investigating Drowning Death

Howard County police are investigating the drowning death of a 23-month-old boy this morning in Columbia.

Police received a report of a missing child, Alex Ferrera, at Lake Elkhorn at 11:42 a.m. today. The caller, a day care provider, reported that she could not find Ferrera, who was in her care. At almost the same time, police received a 911 call for a child found in the lake.

The boy was discovered in the water by an off-duty secret service agent who was at the lake. He pulled the child from the water and, assisted by a nurse who was in the area, performed CPR and called 911.

Paramedics transported the child by ambulance to Howard County General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police detectives are continuing to investigate the incident.

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